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Dr. Mate Brstilo
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Dear Dr. Brstilo:

Enclosed is a copy of the Final report of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) January 16-29, 2002, audit of Croatia's meat inspection system. We understand that the government of Croatia chose not to provide any comments regarding the draft final report of the same FSIS audit.

As I indicated in my March 22, 2002, letter regarding the January 16-29, 2002 audit findings, we appreciate your actions in correcting the deficiencies identified during the previous FSIS audit (December 2000). Regarding the current audit deficiencies, although we did not receive comments regarding the FSIS audit findings, we are confident that the government of Croatia has satisfactorily addressed the deficiencies and that meat exported to the United States from Croatia complies with U.S. import requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed Final report or the FSIS audit, please contact me at telephone number (202) 720-3781 or facsimile number (202) 690-4040. You may also reach me by email at sally.stratmoen@fsis.usda.gov. I may arrange a telephone conference with you in the near future to review the current audit findings and to answer any questions you may have regarding this audit.

Sincerely,

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For Sally Stratmoen, Chief
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